

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 37-~~45~~.

Claim 10 (amended)

A hard boiled candy composition comprising

- (a) a confectionery base,
- (b) at least one mineral or mineral salt having an unpleasant mouthfeel, and,
- (c) a material to suppress said unpleasant mouthfeel of said mineral or mineral salt, said material consisting essentially of one or more partially hydrogenated vegetable oils in an amount of from about 0.5% to about 5.0% by weight of said composition said amount being effective to suppress said unpleasant mouthfeel of said mineral or mineral salt.

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